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# **DETAILED ACTION**

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This communication is in response to applicant's amendment to first non-final 1 office action, which was filed January 19, 2006.

2 Amendments and arguments to claims 1-26 have been entered and made of record in the application of Young "System and method for measuring and presenting memory size of a universal remote control" filed on September 19, 2003.

Claims 1 and 13 are amended.

Claims 2-12 and 14-26 are the same as originally filed.

Claims 1-26 are pending.

### **Response to Arguments**

3 Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-26 have been fully considered, but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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# Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham* v. *John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

- 1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
- 2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
- 3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
- 4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.
- 5 Claims 1 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US publication of Chung (20020077155) in view of Soini et al., (6,611,693).
- As to claim 1, Chung discloses a method for presenting a readable medium having instructions a size of a writeable memory within a portable electronic device for a remote communication comprising invoking a diagnostic routine within the portable

electronic device for a remote communication which measures a size of the writeable memory, and using the portable electronic device for a remote communication to present an indication of the size of the writeable memory as measured by the diagnostic routine (Page 2, Par. 0033-0035; See figures 4-5), however, Chung does not expressly disclose the portable electronic device being a remote control. In the same field of endeavor, Soini et al., discloses a portable electronic device for a remote communication that may be used as a remote control (Col. 3, lines 9-17; Col. 9, lines 60-64).

It would have been obvious, to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to modify the method for presenting a readable medium having instructions for presenting a size of a writeable memory within a portable electronic device of Chung, by incorporating a remote control features as disclosed by Soini et al., in order to have a method for presenting a size of a writeable memory within a universal remote control comprising invoking a diagnostic routine within the universal remote control which measures a size of the writeable memory, and using the universal remote control to present an indication of the size of the writeable memory as measured by the diagnostic routine, because Chung discloses a method for presenting a size of a writeable memory within a portable electronic device for a remote communication comprising invoking a diagnostic routine within the portable electronic device for a remote communication which measures a size of the writeable memory, and using the portable electronic device for a remote communication to present an indication of the size of the writeable memory as measured by the diagnostic routine and Soini et al.

discloses a portable electronic device for a remote communication that may be used as a remote control that allocate available memory and expand memory to provide additional memory for adding functions (Col. 4, lines 35-40; Col. 5, liners 50-54; Col. 6, lines 61-65).

- Claims 2-4 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable 7 over Chung in view of US patent of Soini et al., and further in view of US patent of Dudek (5,523,800).
- 8 As to claims 2 and 14, the method as recited in claims 1 and 13, however, the combination of Chung and Soini et al., disclose the indication is presented by causing an LED of the universal remote control to blink. In the same field of endeavor, Dudek discloses an indication that causing an LED of a universal remote control to blink (Col. 16, lines 51-58).

It would have been obvious, to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to modify the method for presenting a readable medium having instructions for presenting a size of a writeable memory of Chung and Soini et al., in order to have the indication is presented by causing an LED of the universal remote control to blink, because Dudek discloses the LED blinking to indicate correct or incorrect remote control operation termination and one of ordinary skill in the art recognizes the visual display of writable memory of Soini et al., may be replaced by an LED that is arranged

to blink to present a readable medium having instructions for presenting a size of a writeable memory.

9 As to claims 3 and 15, the method as recited in claims 2 and 14, however, the combination of Chung, Soini et al. and Dudek does not expressly disclose the LED is blinked one of a predetermined number of times each being correlated to a different measurable memory size.

It would have been obvious, to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to modify the method for presenting a readable medium having instructions for presenting a size of a writeable memory of Chung, Soini et al. and Dudek, in order to have the LED is blinked one of a predetermined number of times each being correlated to a different measurable memory size, because Dudek discloses the LED blinking to indicate correct or incorrect remote control operation termination (Col. 16, lines 51-58) and one of ordinary skill in the art recognizes the LED may be arranged to blink any of a predetermined number of times or ways each being correlated to a different measurable memory size.

10 As to claims 4 and 16, the method as recited in claims 2 and 14, however, the combination of Chung, Soini et al. and Dudek does not expressly disclose the LED is blinked in at least one group of blinks, the group of blinks corresponding to one or more digits representative of measured memory size.

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It would have been obvious, to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to modify the method for presenting a readable medium having instructions for presenting a size of a writeable memory of Chung, Soini et al. and Chung, Soini et al. and Dudek, in order to have the LED blinked in at least one group of blinks, the group of blinks corresponding to one or more digits representative of measured memory size, because Chung discloses a method of displaying available memory of a and Dudek discloses LED blinking to indicate correct or incorrect remote control operation termination. One skilled in the art recognizes the LED may be arranged to blink any of a predetermined number of group of blinks or in any other combination to indicate combination the group of blinks corresponding to one or more digits representative of measured memory size.

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- Claims 5-12 and 17-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chung in view of US patent of Soini et al., and further in view of Dudek and further in view of US publication of Mulla et al. (20020162891).
- As to claims 5 and 17, the readable medium and method as recited in claims 1 and 13, however, the combination of Chung, Soini et al. and Dudek does not expressly disclose the indication is presented by causing a speaker of the universal remote control to emit a sound. In filed of a writeable medium, Mulla et al., discloses an audible device to indicate to the user available memory (Page 4, Par. 0057, lines 13-16).

It would have been obvious, to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to modify the method for presenting a readable medium having instructions for presenting a size of a writeable memory of Chung, Soini et al. and Dudek, by incorporating the sound indication for available memory size of Mulla et al., in order to have an indication that is presented by causing a speaker of the universal remote control to emit a sound, because Chung, Soini et al. and Dudek disclose a remote control that has an indication of the status of the readable memory and Mulla et al., discloses an audible sound that indicate the status of the readable memory.

- As to claims 6 and 18, the readable medium and method as recited in claims 5 and 17, further, Mulla et al., the speaker is caused to emit the sound one of a predetermined number of times each being correlated to a different measurable memory size (Page 4, Par. 0057, lines 17-18).
- As to claims 7 and 19, the readable medium and method as recited in claims 5 and 17, the speaker emits at least one group of sounds, the group of sounds corresponding to one or more digits representative of measured memory size.

It would have been obvious, to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to modify the method for presenting a readable medium having instructions for presenting a size of a writeable memory of Chung, Soini et al. and Dudek, by incorporating the sound indication for available memory size of Mulla et al., in order to have a speaker emits at least one group of sounds, the group of sounds corresponding

to one or more digits representative of measured memory size, because Mulla et al., discloses different audible tones and sound sequences may be used indication of the status of the readable memory and one of ordinary skill in the art recognizes that the speaker may be arranged to emit at least one group of sounds, the group of sounds corresponding to one or more digits representative of measured memory size.

- As to claims 8 and 20, the readable medium and method as recited in claims 1 and 13, further, Mulla et al., discloses the measured memory size is displayed in an alphanumeric display of the universal remote control (Page 4, Par. 0057, lines 18-21).
- As to claims 9 and 21, the readable medium and method as recited in claims 8 and 20, further, Mulla et al., discloses the alphanumeric display comprises a touch screen display (Page 2, Par. 0016, lines 1-3).
- As to claims 10 and 22, the readable medium and method as recited in claims 1 and 13, further, Chung discloses the memory size measured is an overall size of the writeable memory (See figure 4).
- As to claims 11 and 23, the readable medium and method as recited in claims 1 and 13, further, Mulla et al., discloses the memory size measured is an amount of available memory in the writeable memory (Page 4, Par. 0057, lines 17-18).

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As to claims 12 and 24, the readable medium and method as recited in claims 1 and 13, further, Chung discloses the diagnostic routine is automatically invoked in response to a request to download data into the writeable memory (Page 2, Par. 0033-0035; See figures 4-5).

As to claims 25 and 26, the readable medium and method as recited in claims 5 and 17, however, the combination of Chung, Soini et al., Dudek and Mulla et al., does not expressly disclose the sound comprises a voice.

It would have been obvious, to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to modify the method for presenting a readable medium having instructions for presenting a size of a writeable memory of the combination of Chung, Soini et al., Dudek and Mulla et al., by incorporating a voice to indication for available memory size, in order to have the indication that is presented by causing a speaker of the universal remote control to emit a sound to comprises a voice, because Mulla et al., discloses different audible tones and sound sequences may be used indication of the status of the readable memory and one of ordinary skill in the art recognizes that the speaker may be arranged to emit a voice as one of the audible sounds.

#### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sisay Yacob whose telephone number is (571) 272-

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